

Mixed Bonspiel Going Strong



The Irma Mixed Bonspiel got away to a good start on Tuesday but play was halted Wednesday night on account of the drifted roads.

The play up to date has been as follows:

Great Challenge

Sampson 5, Archibald 11; Riley 9, McLean 11; Pryce Jones 0, Reeds 10 (default); Lukens 1, McClure 10; Brown 7, Smith 9; Halvorsen 5, Edgar Jones 8; Milne 6, Frickleton 11; Hlynka 3, McMillan 12; Black 6, High School 13; McClure 2, Reeds 9; Kirkman 7, Smith 11.

Citizens

Smallwood 5, Kirkman 10; McMillan 6, Milne 7; Black 3, Edgar Jones 13; High School 6, Frickleton 7; Lennon 1, Hlynka 11; Pryce B.O., Sampson 10 (default); Suth McClure 11; Riley 11, Lukens 4, Archibald 10; Halvorsen 10; McMillan 13; Frickleton 8; Archibald 7, McLean 13.

During the bonspiel the Battle Heights W.L. have been serving lunch in the rink house. Their hot chicken sandwiches were very special.

As soon as the country roads can be dug out, play will be resumed again. In the meantime we can all take a breathing spell and resolve to do better when we start again.

THE DIVISIONAL BONSPIEL

The Wainwright school division high school bonspiel was held in the Wainwright curling rink on Saturday, February 14th. Ten rinks participated in the play, two rinks from each of the five high school centres: Irma, Wainwright, Edgerton, Ribstone and Chauvin. The Irma rinks skipped by Barry Holt and Jack MacKay just won everything. Barry's strong helpers were Arthur Elliott, Don Ramsay and Stan Hill. This rink met only one defeat and that by a single point by a wonderful shot by the Chauvin skip's last rock. This was their first game. They went on to win three straight in the Consolation event, bringing home the prize donated by the Wainwright Women's Curling Club, namely four ever-sharp pencils.

Jack MacKay's very strong resolute helpers were Don Simmerman, Norris Tomlinson and Ed Jackson. They came through to win the cup, which is emblematic of curling powers in the high schools of this division for years to come. They received also, a water pitcher and six tumblers each, presented by the Wainwright Teachers Association.

Most of the games were close and exciting. All were played in a friendly atmosphere of good sportsmanship. Irma was the only town having no girls on their rinks. The girls on the other rinks, however, did not lose the games for their skips, but they won them for us. One of our players explained this paradox in these words, "Listening to the girls' chatter, I was more relaxed. I played the best game in my life. I just couldn't make a poor shot."

"I am not concerned with education as mere learning. It is aim to make you good citizens." — Dr. W. T. Brown.

Items From Kinsella District

Mrs. A. Loades and Malcolm spent a few days in Edmonton last week.

Miss Audrey Revill spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Olsenberg.

Mrs. E. Simmonds was visiting in the city during the last week.

Mr. C. Arkinstall moved his brush cutter from Knute Overbo's to the Mark place, north of town.

Bad weather seems to be cutting the news column short. The road conditions plus the low temperatures have kept the people at home.

The Box Social held in the school last Friday evening also suffered in attendance owing to weather conditions.

Thanks to Mr. J. Anderson of Viking, we were able to hold our church service on Sunday morning. He was kind enough to bring the Rev. A. W. Cann, whose car was giving trouble.

Miss Betty Olsenberg spent the weekend at the home of her friend, Miss Eletha Hodgins.

Will anyone in the Kinsella district wishing to insert any news in this paper, kindly leave it at the Red and White Store.

Hockey

HOCKEY NOTES FROM IRMA

In a Gas Line Hockey League fixture at Irma last Monday night, the local puck-chasers trounced a weak Ryley squad by a score of 12 to 2.

Although the first period was very fast and hard-fought, Irma went ahead 3-1 and the next period was just as profitable for the home sextet. Ryley only had seven more or less of a farce due to the fact that Ryley only had seven players dressed and so almost every man had to play 60 minutes hockey. In this frame the home team picked up six goals and in the opinion of your reporter, if they had played hockey as they had in the first two periods, could have got many more.

This was Irma's last scheduled game and means that the next games in town will be play-offs so watch for posters and come out and "Boost Local Sport."

Irma finished first in the League with seven wins and one tie out of eight games—a matter of fact they have only been defeated once this season and that time by Innisfree at a tournament in Vermilion, so you see we have something to boast.

FAMILY HERALD HAS UNIQUE COLLECTION OF SONGS

Since 1895 the Family Herald has been publishing on their Old Favorites Page the long loved melodies that are passed from one generation to another. Over these 53 years the Family Herald has gathered together thousands of old time songs—songs that will never lose their charm and appeal.

This ever growing library of song is always available to those interested. In 1947 the Family Herald published for the enjoyment of its myriad of readers over 200 Old Favorites songs, including more than 45 with music.

Along with the entertainment provided in the Old Favorites are the serial and short fiction stories in the Family Herald. In choosing these stories the editors are guided by readers' opinions. For instance, one subscriber wrote that the stories are "full of interest throughout." A Manitoban commenting on a recent serial, "Now Lost is the Lily" said "Its historical setting appealed so much to me that I waited with impatience for the next issue to arrive." Another reader considered it "Historical Romance at its best."

The Family Herald's policy of giving a variety of reading for every family means equally enthralling stories in future which will, as always, carry the readers interest from week to week.

Southern Sayings

Miss Isabella Jackson was a patient in the Hardisty Hospital where she underwent an appendix operation. We wish her speedy recovery.

A number of friends, old and new, gathered at the Hill farm last Wednesday for a farewell party for Muriel Hill. A very enjoyable evening was spent, ending with a lovely lunch. Muriel left Saturday for Edmonton where she is going in training for a nurse. Best of luck, Muriel.

Mr. Albert Jackson arrived home from Red Pass last Monday.

Miss Winnie Heart spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. L. Owen of Jarow.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ewert and Len were visitors to Edmonton last week.

Word was received from Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Weise that they are enjoying the sunshine of Mexico.

Easterly Echoes

Mr. Thos. Sanders is a business visitor in the city this week.

On Friday last, a "Good Time Club" was formed at Crescent Hill school with Mr. Clark Steele as President and Mrs. Ralph King, secretary.

Mr. Stewart Fenton is back home after spending a few days in Wainwright hospital with a touch of pneumonia.

Community Cook Book



Gone With the Wind Cake

Beat 3 egg yolks and $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cold water with a Dover beater for 5 minutes. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vanilla, $\frac{1}{4}$ scant cups sugar and beat for 5 minutes more. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cups Swansdown cake flour, sifted 3 times with $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder. Fold in 3 egg whites and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt which have been beaten until stiff but not dry.

Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees F.

Mrs. Capt. Larson.

"We now find ourselves in a new world in which we are confronted by giants, the giants of a militant Communism, the giants of a selfish indifference, and the giants of neo-paganism." — Rev. A. J. Johnson, DD.



The "new-look" in hats is tried by Anne Rhynchuck (centre), 23-year-old paraplegic, during the first real shopping trip in her life. The Red Cross Branch of Sudbury, Ont., sent Anne \$150 to buy a new wardrobe. The orphan girl has spent eight years in Toronto hospital,

Northern Nuggets

Mrs. Chas. Hockett has been visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hockett.

Colds and flu are making the rounds of the district, and from all reports the folks who have had them were quite sick.

With the curling going full tilt the roads will likely be open to Irma, snowplow or no snowplow. Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hockett, on Saturday, February 7th, a daughter.

Miss Atkins had a Valentine party at the school on Friday, and a lot of "small fry" of the district, were her guests.

W.I. NOTICE

The postponed Sewing Clinic, sponsored by the W.I. will be held on March 3, 4, and 5th in the Church parlor. Ladies bring your patterns, materials and problems. There will be personal supervision given your work.

IRMA A.F.U. MEETING HELD

The regular monthly meeting of the Irma A.F.U. local was held in the Irma High School on Tuesday evening, February 10th. Owing to the severe cold weather, only a very few members turned out, several of whom renewed their memberships for the current year. The next meeting will be held in the High School on Tuesday, March 9th at 8:30 p.m. It is important that as many members as possible attend this meeting as several important subjects will be up for discussion, one of which, the matter of amalgamation with the U.F.A. is of vital importance to every farmer in Alberta. It is understood that ballots are in the process of being mailed from head offices and may be on hand at this meeting. Only members in good standing will be allowed to vote, so please see the Secretary, Mrs. E. Sanders and pay up your dues or failing this come early to the meeting and make sure you have a chance to cast your ballot.

W.M.S. NOTICE

Last year the W.M.S. had a special objective, namely, "Aid to China." Materials for this were sent to us by Dominion Board. Our work consisted of knitting. This objective is still before us and we expect to get our materials from Dominion Board any time. Anyone who could help us with this extra work may get materials from the Irma W.M.S. ladies.

An urgent appeal has been received to help to Japan and Korea. Anyone having any good used clothing it would be gratefully received by the Irma W.M.S. for this work. "When saw Wee naked and clothed Thee."

At the Churches

IRMA UNITED CHURCH

Irma Sunday school—11 a.m. Worship service—7:30 p.m. The Rev. H. W. Inglis will be in charge. A hearty invitation to all. "Except ye be converted ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Service will be held on Sunday, February 22nd at 2:30 p.m.

IRMA GOSPEL MISSION

11 a.m.—Sunday school and Bible class.

8 p.m.—Hedley's hall, Gospel Service. Topic—"The Conversion of the Philippian Jailor."

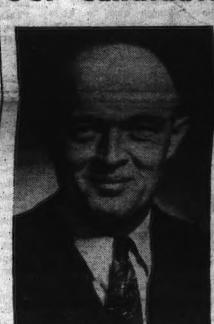
8 p.m.—Every Wednesday we have our mid-week prayer meeting. We welcome you.

8 p.m., Feb. 26th—Young Peoples meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Patterson.

We welcome you to all our meetings. Come and bring a friend. Pastor—Geo. E. Warnock.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from the vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Pet. 1:18, 19.

CCF Candidate



STEWART WRIGHT

Stewart Wright, for 27 years farmer at Hughenden, is the C.C.F. candidate for the Wainwright Provincial Constituency.

Question. What is the C.C.F.?

Answer. The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation is the peoples political party, the most democratic organization possible. It is made up of members all over Canada, in cities, towns and in the rural areas. This membership is composed of your neighbours, their wives, sons, and daughters whose interests are identical with yours.

Each province has its own organization, and the members meet annually as delegates to the provincial convention, where leaders and directors are chosen. Platform and policy are fully discussed and decided upon, added to or altered as deemed necessary by a majority of the delegates.

The C.C.F. believes that all public property should be publicly owned, like the schools, post office, etc. The entire resources of the country should be made available to all the people in order that they may be able to enjoy security and a higher standard of living, instead of making and accumulating huge profits for the few.

The C.C.F. takes the stand that profit is that portion of the income that results from the exploitation of labor, after waste and overhead have been paid. This profit is at present the property of the owners of industrial plants and natural resources that have been handed to them by capitalist governments. The whole employed capital being the results of many years of building these said profits.

For further information re the C.C.F., write to the C.C.F. Provincial office, 10010-102nd Street, Edmonton.

Glen-Coa Gleanings

Mr. and Mrs. M. Reitan and Mrs. O. Likness were able to attend the Fellowship Week at the Lutheran Bible Institute at Camrose. They report a most inspirational time. Greetings were sent from the school to friends and relatives from Lily Nelson and Betty MacKay. Both girls are in good health and are thoroughly enjoying their life and studies there.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Gulbraa also motored to Camrose for the closing days of the Fellowship Week.

Miss Solveig Steffensen spent last weekend at her home.

Sharon Sunday school plans to meet on Sunday, February 22nd, at 1:30 p.m. There will be a Ladies League meeting afterwards.

Mrs. L. Fuder and Bryce from Edmonton, visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. Lindquist, last week.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Did you know that the Sunday school of the Irma United Church has been for many years and still is the largest S.S. between the city of Edmonton and Saskatchewan border. Quite a record for a town the size of ours.

Here are a few statistics from the annual report. Average attendance, 73.94. Average collection, \$5.89.

Last year this Sunday school spent \$144.69 for supplies for scholars and teachers, \$7.23 for bibles to be given to scholars who had none. \$22.76 was sent to Woods Christian Home, \$13.50 to the Religious Educational Council, \$36.25 was given to help buy a new mission boat to be used to bring the Gospel and medical aid to those living in isolated points along the B.C. coast.

The projects of the Irma Sunday school are too many to mention here, and we know that the true value of the work of a Sunday school can not be shown by statistics.

Let's take a brief backward glance at some of the great names of former S.S. workers. Take for instance Mr. "Allie" Gamble, Mrs. A. H. Locke, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peterson, Miss Mary Elliott, Miss A. Flewelling, Grandpa Peterson, Mrs. M. Arnold and our present superintendent, Mr. I. S. Reeds, who, together with his wife, for the past twenty years has given ungrudgingly of time and effort to make and keep the Irma S.S. the going concern that it is today.

And whoever you may be, there's a place for you in the Irma Sunday school. It has something for you and you have something you can bring to give it help and encouragement. The various classes and staff at present are Nursery class—Mrs. Inglis, Beginners—Mrs. C. Smallwood, Primary Boys—Don Simmerman, Primary Girls—Mrs. Reeds, Junior Boys—Keith Coffin, Junior Girls—Miss Reeves, Intermediate Boys—R. Simmerman, Intermediate Girls—Mrs. J. C. McLean, High School Class—Mr. A. H. Locke, Bible Class—Mr. S. M. Brown, Supply teachers—Mrs. A. Enger, Mrs. W. N. Frickleton, Pianist—Elaine Soneff, Secretaries—Mrs. A. R. McRoberts.

Don't let the youngsters go to Sunday school without you next Sunday. There's plenty of room in the Bible Class for parents and other adults. Yes, like any other worthwhile thing it takes a bit of sacrifice to turn out every Sunday morning, but where can we find a better chance to get behind something really worth while.

In these days of unrest and cynical materialism let us bear in mind the motto which our S.S. has chosen for 1948. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Matt. 16:26.

Weather permitting, the Children's Skating Carnival, held under the Auspices of the Irma Board of Trade, will be held Saturday afternoon, February 21st at 2 p.m. We are hoping for a good turnout of children of all ages with many entrants in each event. Good prizes. Families from the country are especially invited. Hot dog stand being catered for by the St. Mary's W.A. Come and enter into the sport of the afternoon.

The Rising Cost Of Living

RISE IN LIVING COSTS HAVE BEEN CAUSING concern in all parts of Canada during the past few months. On December 1st, 1947, the cost of living index stood at 146, and it is expected that when the next report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics is made public in February, this figure may show an increase, due to the continued advances in the prices of some commodities. Some time ago, officials of the Dominion Department of Finance predicted that the cost of living index would not likely go higher than 145, but it now appears that it may exceed that figure considerably. In 1920, which was the peak year of inflation in Canada following the First Great War, the cost of living index was 145.4, which was a record for high living costs in the Dominion. In calculating the present cost of living index, the base figure of 100 represents price levels between the years 1935 and 1939.

The figure given for December 1st, 1947, shows that the cost of living is now almost fifty per cent. higher than it was in the basic period, and that it has risen 18.9 points in the past year. Since April, 1947, the increase was shown to be 15.4 points, indicating that there was a rapid advance in prices between April and December of last year. Although the prices of almost all goods have risen, increases in the price of food are believed to be the main cause of the rapid rise in the cost of living index. Such decisive upward trends in living costs indicate inflation, which is apparently an unavoidable accompaniment to the economic upheaval caused by war. Through price controls, subsidies, and other measures, Canadians were for some time protected from inflation, but it was inevitable that these controls should eventually be lifted and that we should pass through a period of economic adjustment.

Warned Not To Over-Expand It is to be hoped that we may this time be able to avoid the pattern of past periods of inflation, when prices and wages continued to rise in a spiral that ended in economic disaster. Financial experts are of the opinion that we may safely pass through this period of inflation, but they warn industries against over-expansion in the matter of buying expensive equipment, counting on continuing high prices and large profits to meet their costs. They also advise no slackening of effort on the part of either labor or management in our industries or in the development of our natural resources. Without doubt Canada is now passing through a very critical time in her history and one which will lead either to a state of sound progress and development or to a depression. No one can tell exactly what will happen but there are many who believe that, with increased markets for Canadian products both at home and abroad, we will continue to enjoy a large measure of prosperity. It is to be sincerely hoped that this may be the course which the country will follow and that the present trend toward inflation will not lead to financial disaster.

To Start Work On B.C. Sulphate Mill

VANCOUVER.—The H. R. MacMillan export company limited will construct a \$12,000,000 bleached sulphate pulp mill on Vancouver island, it was announced at the annual meeting of shareholders here. H. R. MacMillan, president, said the mill, planned to give employment to at least 200 persons, would be located somewhere on the east coast of Vancouver island. Construction is expected to start early this year and he finished by 1950. It will have daily capacity of 200 tons of bleached sulphate or 225 tons of unbleached sulphate pulp, using nothing but by-products. "It's production will be marketed chiefly in the United States, providing an important new source of much-needed U.S. dollars for Canada," he said.

English Climate Hits Eskimo Girl

FELIXSTOWE, Kent, England.—Rebecca, 15-year-old Eskimo girl who returned to England with Mrs. John Turner, widowed by an Arctic shooting accident, hasn't taken kindly to this island climate—she's had a succession of colds since her arrival. Otherwise she's settled easily into English ways, although unable to speak the language and "a little homesick whenever she hears of anyone going to Canada," said Mrs. Turner.

COURTESY PLUS **AVUL, England.**—Personal advertisement in a Hull newspaper: "The cyclist who crossed Heddon Road in front of a fast-moving car Monday last offers his sincere apologies to the driver."



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SPEEDBOY—Four-year-old George Howard Cole, of London, England, is a "veteran" motorcyclist of six months' standing. The boy, son of a speedway rider and builder of motor cycles, had crowds gaping when he careened up to Henley Hall, London, to drop in at the Motor Show there. Young Cole rides a specially built motorcycle with which he has done 45 miles an hour on a dirt track.

FUNNY And OTHERWISE

She: "I'm going to speak my mind."
He: "Ah! Silence at last!"
"You have no speedometer in your car?"
"No need — If I do forty the lamps on my car rattle — at fifty the whole car rattles — higher than that my teeth rattle."

Prisoner — It is difficult to see how I can be a forger. Why, I can't sign my own name.
Judge—You are not charged with signing your own name.

Captain Jevons (introducing an acquaintance to his old aunt): "This is my old friend Jones. He lives on the Canary Islands."
"How interesting," murmured old auntie, and gathering all her wits she added, "Then, of course you sing."

"Come, come, Joan, surely you know it. The world is round or square?" "Mary, tell her."
"It's crooked, teacher," said Mary, darily.

The aggressive wife of a meek little man was hauling her husband over the coals for having made a fool of himself when some friends called. He sat in dejected silence.
"And don't sit there," she shouted, "making fists at me in your pockets, either."

"I've had a worrying time with insurance people," they ask such awkward questions. They even wanted to know the state of my mind."
"How absurd! I suppose you left that blank."

Whilst in the jungle a big-game hunter came upon a tribe of cannibals about to sit down to their favorite repast. The hunter got into conversation with the chief, who told him that he had been educated at an American college.
"Do you mean to say," asked the hunter, amazed, "that you went to college and still eat your fellow-men?"

"Yes," came the reply; "but, of course, I always use a knife and fork now."

Sophomore: "Did you ever take chloroform?"
Freshman: "No, who teaches it?"

A woman about to leave London for New Zealand was advised to provide herself with very warm clothing.
"Why?" she asked.
"Oh, it's awfully cold out there, don't you know?" replied the adviser. "It's the place where all the frozen mutinies comes from."

"While Deacon Brown passes do place," announced Parson Black, "do choir will sing 'Salvation Am Free'. But please remember that while salvation am free, we has to pay do choir for singing about it."

10,000 DUTCH FARMERS COMING TO CANADA

THE HAGUE.—The Rotterdam Lloyd Lines' motorship Kota Intant will sail for Canada March 12 on the first of seven trips planned this year on which 10,000 Dutch farmer immigrants and their families will be transported to the Dominion, it was announced.

When tobacco was first introduced into Europe it often was sold as a cure-all medicine.

Barley Title Winner Hits Record In 1947

George Gwyllt Of Kelvington, Sask., Won 31 Awards Resides Barley Championship
(Central Press Canadian)

George Gwyllt, 78-year-old pioneer of the Kelvington, Sask., district, figures he hit the jackpot in 1947. In addition to winning the title of the world's champion grower of barley at the Chicago International Grain Show, Mr. Gwyllt took 31 other awards for his grain and forage crop seed exhibits at Saskatoon, Regina, Toronto and Chicago.

It was his biggest year in the 30 he has spent trying to produce the best kind of seed. As an opener for 1948, Mr. Gwyllt won a regional first prize in the national barley contest, and was third for the province in the same competition.

Born of Welsh parents in Staffordshire, England, George Gwyllt came to Canada in 1903. He worked in Saskatoon and Calgary at his trade of a brick manufacturer, but decided to take up farming at Hanley, Sask., just a year before World War I upset his plans. He went overseas, returned in 1919 to take up a veteran's land grant near Kelvington. He still farms the same land, likes to tell of his faith in the district at times when other settlers were talking about getting out.

Mr. Gwyllt started in on the production of pure seed soon after he was established, and through the years has earned a high reputation among farmers of the province, and far beyond it. A long-time member of the Canadian Registered Seed Growers' association, he is a highly respected member of the big branch of that association at Kelvington.

At a recent meeting of the seed growers in Saskatoon, Mr. Gwyllt proudly showed the ribbons he won at Chicago in December. The world's barley championship award was his particular pride. "I've been working for this for 30 years now," he explained.

The aging farmer, who hopes to be growing seed grain and winning prizes for "a lot of years yet" attributes his success to the best seed in the west, plenty of hard work to produce the best, and only the best. "I've had a lot of valuable help from both the Dominion and provincial departments of agriculture, but most of it the help I have had from Mrs. Gwyllt has been the greatest factor in my success."

Mr. Gwyllt hopes to put in a banner year in 1948, and feels his national barley contest success has given him a flying start.

B.C. MINES SET RECORD

VANCOUVER.—Production of British Columbia mines in 1947 was more than \$100,000,000 far in excess of any previous year, it was announced at a B.C. chamber of mines meeting here. Unprecedented demands for base metals at high prices caused re-opening of old mines and development of new ones.



LOVE PLAYS SECOND FIDDLE—Donna Gresco, 20-year-old Winnipeg violinist, who made her debut at Carnegie Hall on Jan. 30, says she gave up romance with a boy in Winnipeg, but last year the realization came to us both that I had a talent that should be fulfilled. When eight years old she was acclaimed a musical genius, and at 10 won a \$5,000 scholarship from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. Later the people in her home city established a fund to enable her to go to New York for further study. Now Winnipeggers are raising money to buy her a \$12,000 Montana violin.

OAT EXPORT PERMITS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE

WINNIPEG.—The Canadian wheat board announced it will accept applications for export permits covering shipment of a limited quantity of mixed feed oats to Sweden or Greece. Shipments will be from Lakehead or Georgian Bay ports after opening of lake navigation, or from Vancouver.

The equalization fee will be the fee in effect at time of application.

TREE YIELDED MONEY FOR WESTERN TRAPPER

HUDSON BAY, Sask.—You can't tell W. D. Bennett that money doesn't come from trees—he knows better. Bennett operates a trapline east of this northeastern Saskatchewan town and found one of his traps had been dragged away. Following the tracks, he finally found the trap up a tree—still holding a large fisher whose pelt was valued at \$100.

Alberta Farmers Repay Loans

EDMONTON.—Alberta farmers have repaid \$7,108,740 of \$10,343,310 made in loans by the Canadian Farm Loan board.

Ninety-seven out of every 100 borrowers in the province had no first mortgage interest arrears at March 31 last. During the past fiscal year, borrowers in Alberta paid \$456,330 on account of principal.

The board lent an average of \$3,800,000 a year to Canadian farmers during the first 10 years of its operations. There was a decline during the war, but indications are that this year, loans will almost equal the pre-war average.

SASK. FEDERATED CO-OP. BUYS LEDUC WELL SITE

REGINA.—Saskatchewan Federated Co-operatives has purchased a 40-acre drilling site in the Leduc area of Alberta for about \$10,000. The concern, undertaking its first venture in the exploratory field, must commence drilling operations before May 1, 1948, under terms of the agreement.

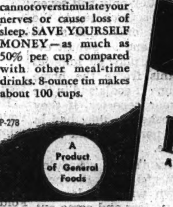
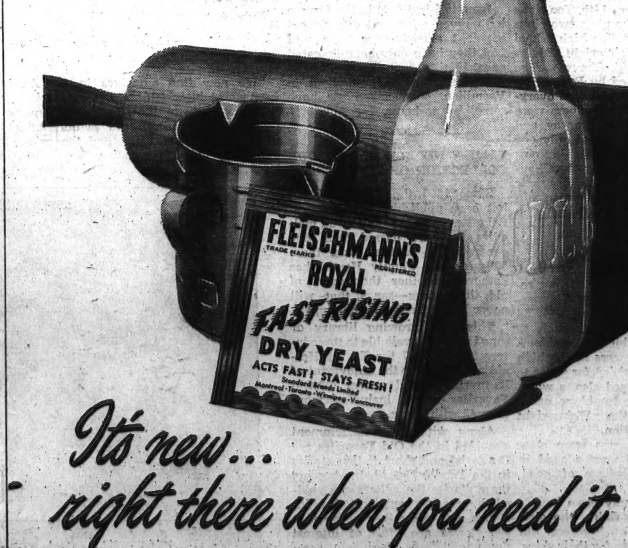
The co-op will have to pay a 50% royalty to the Alberta Government, in addition to the province's regular royalty, if successful in discovering oil.

Any crude found would be shipped to the co-op's plant in Regina for refining.

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

THE DIAMOND

BY RURT VON FISCHER

ON THE "Nieuwe Kade" in Amsterdam, the quay where the big liners serving passenger traffic to London are moored, stood a man with a cigar between his lips. Though seemingly calm, leaning on the balustrade and contemplating the green waves washing over the granite squares of the wall, he viewed with furtive excitement a policeman, who stood motionless, legs apart, some 10 yards away.

The man with the cigar casually turned his back towards the uniformed figure. He was of small, lean stature, with an olive complexion and thin, black moustache. Nobody would have suspected him to be the well-known diamond grinder Willem Verhaert, popular society figure of the town, whose mysterious disappearance half a year ago had been widely engaged the attention of police headquarters of many a European capital.

Suddenly the man threw his half-finished cigar into the water. Then he took out another one from his pocket and lighted it. He deeply inhaled the smoke, puffing it out nervously.

Had the policeman grown suspicious? Was everything to go wrong at the very last moment, the plan of one year to be nullified? Carefully, he took the Havana from his mouth and hid it between his quivering palms. Could the policeman suspect that, hidden in an artificially cooled capsule in the middle of the bulging tobacco leaves, there was the missing Vilpel diamond?

For years Verhaert had been one of the most esteemed diamond grinders of Amsterdam's flourishing industry. But though the worth of millions ran through his fingers he had never succeeded in achieving more than a moderate financial position. Now he was nearing the fifties,

a bachelor and filled with feverish greediness for the luxuries of life. And it was then that he determined upon and planned the great coup. A lucky coincidence had delivered the unique chance into his hands. The Vilpel Diamond, newly found in South Africa and the tenth largest in the world, was given to him for grinding. Soon the papers had a sensation. The well-known grinder Verhaert had disappeared together with the precious stone. While the police blocked and checked all roads, and means of transportation, the principal in all this excitement sat in his ingeniously arranged hide-out in a cellar and subjugated his body to a torture.

By hunger, excessive sweating and endless gymnastics he reduced his weight by many pounds during a few weeks. The body Verhaert changed into an emaciated creature. Staining of his skin with permanganate of potash, atropin applied to the eyes, a moustache was dyed with henna and he was even subjected to a place of the former french mame of hair created the French champagne salesman Emile Verlon, bearer of the forged passport.

Half a year in the dark and then he risked the step across the frontier. Once in London, a new life could begin. During passport inspection everything went well, not even his own mother would have recognized him. The customs control was exceedingly thorough, the officials still searching for the vanished diamond. He was even subjected to a body inspection. But during the whole procedure he faultlessly chewed his Havana, right under the eyes of the officials.

For two months he had laboriously worked on the manufacture of this cigar. A mere phony would certainly have aroused the suspicion of the officials. But he had succeeded in producing an effect out of real tobacco leaves, which gave quite a natural impression, was perfectly smokeable and still covered the diamond in its middle. Finally came the blessed word: Passed! He had succeeded.

And now, when only embarkation remained, now after he had cleverly overcome all critical situations, now, in the very last moment was everything to come to naught?

What could this policeman have noticed about him? Could he have recognized him? Impossible! Or did he, by heavens, suspect the cigar? Not very likely, either. But why was he now staring at him?

An icy chill ran down his limbs. The policeman was stepping towards him. "Give me the cigar, will you?" he heard a cold, hard voice say. Willem Verhaert closed his eyes, his knees shook. He was not the type to resist. He was cunning but not brave. Also after his terrible loss of strength he would have been physically unable to fight.

He fatalistically awaited the clicking of the handcuffs.

But nothing like it happened.

The policeman still stood facing him. He even smiled amiably now. "You know, sir," he said, throwing the cigar carelessly into the sea. "The building over there is the sea-shed. The policeman is strictly forbidden here."

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Fake Doctor Poisons Staff To Loot Bank

TOKYO.—Tokyo police reported a robber posted at a public health doctor had induced the entire staff of a bank to take quick-acting poison that killed 12 and left four others critically ill.

When police reached the building, a branch of the Teikoku Bank, 300,000 yen (\$6,000), was piled on a desk, the safe door stood open and the fake doctor had vanished. Whether he had been frightened away without a check of the safe.

One woman had crawled in agony to the street to call help.

Salada Tea Sales Increase

The year 1947 showed substantial increase over '45 and '46 in Salada Tea Sales, the total volume being almost double the average annual sales from 1935 to 1939.

This firm, from the first time they packaged Tea depended for their success on two main factors, a strict supervision of quality of their product and advertising to the public through newspapers.

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PHONE CONSTRUCTION

EDMONTON.—An outlay of approximately \$800,000 will be made by the Alberta government telephone system on a new toll exchange now under construction just west of the city telephone building, it was learned recently.

The Trochu Memorial Arena



In April of 1947 plans were made by the Trochu, Alberta, Elks to build a Memorial Arena in honor of the gallant men of the district who had given their lives in the recent war. Shares were offered in an effort to raise money and in the first two days \$10,000 was collected. The arena has cost approximately \$20,000, although part of this sum went into a curling rink, not yet completed, which is to have four sheets of ice. Only \$3,000 has been spent on labor, as for the most part work has been voluntarily given.

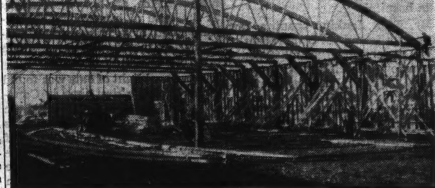
Work continued in June and just five months later the arena was ready for use, though there is much still to be installed and the building is to be installed and the building is to be installed.

The ice surface is the standard 200x85 size and the building itself is approximately 100x240. The north end of the arena is a large waiting room where lunches are served during intermissions, and several dressing rooms. There is seating capacity for over a thousand people and standing room for nearly six hundred.

This space was entirely filled for the official opening on January 8th.

Walter Anderson, Exalted Ruler of the Elks and John Hanna secretary were active in the enterprise. John Freer, chairman of the building committee, worked untiringly for the success of the project, assisted by C. M. Kane. The finance committee were ably directed by J. P. Ferguson.

This gigantic project so successfully accomplished is a tribute to the co-operation displayed by the 1,000 citizens of Trochu and district.



The Arena pictured under construction

ESTABLISH BLOOD BANK

CRANBROOK, B.C. — Six East

Kootenay hospitals, Cranbrook, Kimberley, Creston, Invermere, Fernie and Michel-Natal have signed agreements for establishment of a blood bank. Supply of whole blood for the district will be maintained at St. Eugene Hospital, where special refrigeration facilities have been established. Blood plasma will be kept at each of the six hospitals in the district.

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PEGGY

THEY WERE PLANNING A WICKER ROAST AND I HEARD PEGGY SAY—

FREDDIE IS VERY HANDSOME BUT I WOULDN'T GO OUT WITH HIM!

HEAVENS, NO! I'D BETTER STAY HOME!

ON HIM!

YEAH, HIM! BZZZ!

—By Chuck Thurston

THE TILERS

TIME FOR MORE MEDICINE, PAPA!

BUT IT'S SUCH AWFUL TASTING STUFF!

NOW DON'T COMPLAIN—JUST TAKE IT!

I DON'T SEE WHY I HAD TO GET SICK TODAY, WITH SO MUCH WORK TO DO!

YOU MUST LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THINGS, PAPA. IN A WAY IT'S NICE YOU ARE SICK!

MUM

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO CLEAN OUT THE MEDICINE CHEST ALL SUMMER, AND THIS GIVES ME A CHANCE TO DO IT WITHOUT WASTING THE MEDICINE!

—By Les Carroll

Reports Job Prospects For 1948 "Bright"

Winter Drop in Employment Has Not Been As Severe As Year Ago

OTTAWA.—Labor Minister Mitchell in his department's monthly manpower survey reports that job prospects for 1948 are "bright."

The seasonal winter drop in employment has not been as severe as a year ago, Mr. Mitchell said. Jobs registered with National Employment Service are down 10 per cent. from the corresponding time last year.

"Although the number of winter unemployed has increased during the past month," the minister said, "the pressure for production continues high in many industries and operations have pushed ahead in spite of seasonal handicaps."

For the year as a whole, he added, "the outlook in the employment field is bright, and the prospects are that jobs available will outnumber applicants in the summer of this year in several lines, just as was the case at the middle of 1947." At that time there was a shortage of 33,000 workers.

"Both skilled tradesmen and materials are likely to be in somewhat better supply this year, so that further expansion of industry should be possible," the report added. "Plans in construction and mining particularly indicate an increase in the level."

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